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The kids competed hard in the Upper versus Lower Paudash Lake tug-o-war during the annual regatta on Aug 9. See story on page 46.

Highlands East building chief calls it quits

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
 Editor

Highlands East chief building official (CBO) Randy Dunsmore has resigned his position.

His last day was Aug. 1.

There have been recent complaints from the community about Dunsmore's abilities

as the CBO, but it is unclear whether or not this contributed to his resignation. According to Highlands East reeve Dave Burton, Dunsmore's resignation letter thanks the municipality for the last seven years of his employment and states that he enjoyed his time as CBO.

When asked if Dunsmore was forced out or

asked to resign by the municipality, Burton said absolutely not and that the resignation was voluntary.

Highlands East will now set out to find a replacement for Dunsmore. In the meantime, fire chief Bill Wingrove has been tapped to step into the CBO position. He resigned as the chief to accept the new role, but will remain

with the fire department as the deputy-chief.

"I knew Bill [Wingrove] was very capable of doing this and ended up talking to him, and he was willing to do so," Burton said.

He stressed that this is a temporary move and that Wingrove will return as fire chief when a new CBO is found. Burton said that

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could take anywhere from two weeks to two months, but he hopes no longer than that.

Highlands East CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig said ratepayers won't notice any changes in service during the transition period. She added that Wingrove routinely filled in for Dunsmore when the former CBO was away due to illness or on holidays.

"Bill Wingrove is very familiar to the residents," she said. "[He is] a CBO and has been acting CBO on many occasions."

The role of acting fire chief has fallen to Station 6 (Paudash) commander Chris Baughman.

"Bill [Wingrove] suggested Chris [Baughman] take over," Burton said. "That came from [his] recommendation."

Burton said one of his main goals during the transition was to make sure there was no interruption to the fire service.

"We have the bases covered in a fair and orderly manner," he said. "I'm comfortable with it, and I understand Bill [Wingrove] is."

Wingrove will be located in the CBO's office in Gooderham, while Baughman will move into the office in the Wilberforce fire hall.

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Schmale acclaimed for riding nomination

Devolin's executive assistant to run for Conservatives in 2015 election

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Jamie Schmale will be the Conservative Party of Canada's candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the next federal election.

Schmale was the only person to submit an application during the party's 14-day nomination process. He was named the next candidate on July 31.

"I'm not sure why nobody else decided to come forward," Schmale said. "I know a couple of potential people, some were running municipally, some just weren't interested. I'd like to think my work over the past 10 years led to this or at least helped."

In 2003, Schmale ran for the conservative nomination against current MP Barry

Devolin. Although he lost the nomination, he accepted a position as Devolin's campaign manager and after the pair won the riding in the 2004 election, he became the MP's executive assistant.

Schmale has since managed Devolin's federal election campaign in 2006, 2008, and 2011.

"This [MP] has been a dream job of mine for quite some time," Schmale said. "I've been using this time to help [Devolin] and the riding, and to learn the issues, learn the players, and to get involved with [Devolin's] office and soak in as much knowledge as I can to hopefully one day have the opportunity to run for this nomination."

He said his experience as Devolin's executive assistant has prepped him well for the job, if he is elected.

"Working in his office gave me a higher

profile and I'd like to think the members had confidence in me knowing I've learned the issues, got to know as many people in all parts of the riding as I can, and I'd like to think they thought I'd done a good job as [Devolin's] executive assistant."

If elected, Schmale said his primary goal will be management of the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW).

"[Management of] the TSW in terms of infrastructure, in terms of public safety, and more down south, more tourism," he said. "[Devolin] and other MPs that have the TSW running through their systems have done some really good things over the past 10 years. I think the amount of dollars spent on infrastructure has jumped considerably."

He said knowledge of the TSW and its issues among MPs has come a long way, but there's always more to be done.

"We all realize the TSW can be more and I think there's an opportunity to talk



about this file. I'd like to be at that table."

Although the riding's seat is currently held by the conservatives, Schmale said he's taking nothing for granted in the upcoming election.

Last November, Devolin announced he would not seek re-election in 2015.

"I know that Jamie [Schmale] will do a great job as the conservative candidate for our

area," Devolin said. "He has my complete support as we move forward towards the next election."

Derrick Camphorst, president of the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Conservative Riding Association, said the party is looking forward to the election.

"I am excited that we now have a nominated candidate for the 2015 election," he said. "Preparations for the next election will begin immediately. We want to show the people of this riding that we appreciate their support and take nothing for granted."

Wilberforce bucks put on hold

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

A new initiative to encourage local shopping in Wilberforce got off to a false start over the weekend, but business owners are still confident the program will be a success.

Wilberforce Bucks is a promotion where shoppers who spend a certain amount of money in a single transaction at participating stores receive 'bucks' that can be used at other locations in and around town.

The idea belonged to Peter Fredricks, a member of the Highlands East economic development committee.

"The idea was endorsed by the committee, presented to them by myself," he said, adding that other towns have done this and it's not exactly an original idea. "Local shopping is good and some of the people will see they didn't realize there was a pharmacy in town or a Foodland. It's a way of being able to drive interest and let people know what is available in town."

The promotion was set to kick off on Aug. 1 and run until October 13. Participating locations were to circulate 10,000 Wilberforce Bucks. However,

after just one weekend the program was put on hold.

"The [bucks] given out on the weekend are fine, but we're re-doing the promotion," Fredricks said. "We need to modify and rejig the promotion. Everything is on hold. We're working out the details."

Fredricks said businesses were surprised by how well the promotion was received by shoppers. It may have been a victim of its own success, as now the committee is working to adjust how the bucks are earned or what they can be redeemed for.

"Things like this always take time," he said. "Probably within a couple of days we should be able to launch it."

"The program is still a go, we're just rejigging it."

When the program relaunches, they will still circulate the 10,000 bucks. Fredricks said the program will be a success if all the bucks are redeemed before the cut-off date. If that happens, they may look at extending the program.

"[It's a success] if business increases, all the coupons have been distributed, and the retailers and customers are happy," he said. "If we can increase business for the community, that would be the best result."

OPP in brief

Man dies in Glamorgan motorcycle crash

A vehicle collision in Gooderham over the weekend left one motorist dead and two others injured.

On Aug. 3 at around 2:25 p.m., Matthew Huber, 37, of Pickering, was riding his motorcycle along Glamorgan Road when he collided with a Ford Explorer at Alsop Road. Another motorcyclist, Patrick

Mikanagu, 32, of Toronto, also collided with the SUV.

Huber was declared dead at the scene, while Mikanagu and the SUV's driver, 66-year-old Tom Saunders of Ottawa, were transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Glamorgan Road was closed for part of the day as police investigated the scene. An ORNGE helicopter was dispatched to the scene and landed, but did not take any of the victims away for care.



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Editorial opinion

A little consideration

By now almost everyone has heard about the fatality on Glamorgan Road over the weekend. If you haven't, you can read about it in this week's Highlander.

A motorcyclist was riding down a notoriously windy road when he collided with an oncoming vehicle and lost his life. In cases such as these, where there is a severe accident and somebody dies, the crash scene is handled differently than other, less serious crashes.

First, ambulance, police and firefighters are called in to assist on scene. The paramedics move in and immediately begin providing care. The police secure the scene while firefighters – who are also first responders – assist the medics. The fire department also often helps or takes over traffic control so police can perform their investigation.

Roads are blocked off because there are people working in the middle of the road and their attention must be completely on their work. That means they can't be looking over their shoulders while performing CPR or while removing a victim from a wrecked car.

In some cases, accident scenes are dangerous because of fuel spills or debris, and it's not safe to let traffic through.

In the case of a fatality, as much as possible of the scene must be left intact, so the police can record evidence to determine what happened. Police also need permission to move a body, which means waiting for a coroner.

So when firefighters or police have the road closed, it's for a very good reason. It's to protect the workers and the integrity of the scene. In some cases, it's to protect the families or victims from curious eyes, or the public from causing or being involved in another accident. In less serious accidents, getting traffic moving is a priority. With the bad ones though, traffic comes a very distant second.

It's clear there are some drivers who don't understand this, or who think their time is more valuable than the safety of others. Such was the case on Aug. 3.

Glamorgan Road was closed at Highway 118. Police were allowing local traffic through only if their destination was before the scene of the accident; otherwise the entire road was closed off. The officer had his cruiser blocking the road and was stopping traffic, asking people where they were going, and directing them accordingly.

A couple on a motorcycle approached. They were denied entry onto the road and were told to go around. They questioned the officer, who explained there had been a severe accident and the road would be closed for a while as a result. The woman on the back of the bike, as they pulled away, turned to the officer and gave him the finger.

These types of stories are all-too-common for emergency crews. Ask local volunteer firefighters or police about their traffic control experiences, and you'll hear about drivers who yelled or threatened, or even some who tried to drive right through the emergency scene despite the controls in place.

Nobody likes to waste time sitting idle in a vehicle, especially people who watch their hard-earned vacation tick away, minute by minute, as they sit and wait in a hot car. But that's never an excuse for ignorant, unsafe and reckless behaviour that could endanger others.

Be considerate drivers, and be safe on the roads.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Twelve ways to die while fishing

Step right up kids, it's the circle of life. See, I put the worm on this hook.

Why are you putting a worm on the hook Uncle Scratchy?

So we can catch a fish.

I want to touch the worm!

Ok, you can touch the worm. Now, take the rod and remember what I said about holding it steady.

You know, if you were a fish, you would have to live in the water. Or you would DIE!

Hmm, I guess that's true. Good thing I'm not a fish.

Why are you waving at those strangers? I'm being friendly.

You're not supposed to talk to strangers. Well I'm not talking to them, am I? I'm waving.

They could crash into our boat. And we would DIE!

No, you're wearing a life jacket, you'd be fine.

But you don't wear your life jacket, Uncle Scratchy. You would DIE and then nobody would take us home.

The people in that boat would take you home. Don't worry. GET YOUR ROD OUT OF THE WATER!

Ok, now watch the bobber. When the bobber moves it means you have a fish.

How come I have a yellow bobber? I want a red one.

What if a fish eats you?

Fish don't eat people.

Sharks eat people. Or a giant WHALE!

PUT THE LID BACK ON THE

WORMS!

If a shark ate you, you would DIE!

Maybe.

Can we have ice cream?

LOOK – see, your bobber's moving. There's a fish.

I want to go for a fast boat ride.

We're fishing right now. Your brother doesn't like to go fast.

Why are those dragonflies stuck together?

Look, there's a loon.

This is boring! Can we make smores?

Yes, well, let's try to catch a fish and make it less boring, ok?

I think it got my worm. I need another worm!

Give me your WATCH THE HOOK!

You're swinging that hook around. It could hit someone in the eye. Now just stay over there.

Are you murdering that worm?

No, the worm goes on the hook. The fish eats the worm. We eat the fish. Circle of life, kids.

Who eats people?

Nobody. You're never going to catch anything swinging your rod around like that.

I got a fish!

Why do you think that?

I want to touch the fish!

Yes you have a fish. Let's bring him out. Now reel in your line.

I got a fish!

REEL it in, don't be jerking the rod all over the place. Like this.

I want to touch the fish!

Ok, let me do that. Here, you can touch the fish.

Can we keep it?

Nope, going back in the lake for next time. Ok, enough fish-touching. Stop touching the fish. Stop. Touching. The. Fish.

It can't breathe. If the Earth.... ran out of air... everybody would DIE!

That's not going to happen. Look up. Look over there. Everywhere: air. Lots of air. We're not going to run out of air.

But we could.

Not going to happen.

What about the clouds?

What about the clouds?

They're full of water, and if there were too many clouds there wouldn't be enough room for the air. And we would DIE!

Nope, not going to happen.

Why do you like fishing so much, Uncle Scratchy?

It's relaxing.

How much longer?

Indeed.

Ok kids, let's pack it up and go for a boat ride.

Are we done fishing? I want to go fast!

No! Slow!

Let's give the fish a break and let them get some rest.

When can we come back?

Tomorrow. We can go fishing again tomorrow. What did you think of your fish?

It was AWESOME!

Good. We'll come back tomorrow.

I don't think we should tell the worms.



By Bram Lebo

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Correction

In 'Garden Buddies sow seeds of independence' (The Highlander issue 145, pg. 25), it was reported that the program had nearly reached its goal of assisting 7,000 individuals. In fact, that number represents the number of participation opportunities. This is a stat SIRCH uses to gauge participation in the program. The Highlander regrets this error.



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Letters to the editor

Housing issues

Dear editor,

Attention seniors and families. Please vote and carefully select the one you think will look into the housing, and apartment shortage for seniors.

In an area where nearly everyone is a senior, this is a great problem and no one seems to even know about it or care.

I have had my name in for eight years! Eight years and my friends for 10 years with no hope of getting in for three to five years. What's happened to the surveys that have been taken? I guess they're in someone's garbage. Haliburton seems to get a new apartment building of some kind every year. How do they do it?

We in Minden have to move in with family or out of town to Haliburton, Lindsay, Bocaygeon.

I hope we get housing before the pool as how can we use it if we don't live here anymore?

We will all need senior's housing at some point.

Impatiently waiting,

Elaine Anderson
Minden

Stress no excuse

Dear editor,

In a letter to your paper, Joan Shaddock described, in detail, her view of Mr. Bradley's actions on Canada Day. Was she implying the reeve's highly inappropriate response was justified because Ms. Reid may have felt stressed?

Our municipal representatives, especially the reeve, must be capable of thoughtful, measured responses to unforeseen situations. Ms. Reid's obscene gesture in front of a crowd, including many children, certainly did not live up to these criteria.

Pat Brezina
Minden

Photo of the week



A monarch caterpillar spotted on Aug 3.

Photo by Sandy Slote

Minden needs a new head of council

Dear editor,

I read Joan Shaddock's account of Canada Day in Minden and to be brief I would say her entire letter is as true as her accusation that I have the capacity to, or made any attempt to run. I am a bit perplexed by Ms. Shaddock referring to me as a "large man", but I guess size does matter!

I have offered to turn over the contents of my camera card for examination to both local papers and it is presently in the hands of one of them for verification. I did take over 250 pictures on Canada Day (all of them are posted on my Facebook page). I was

not following the reeve or getting into her personal space to take a picture and I have no such pictures.

I did, at approximately 11:27 a.m., point my phone in the direction of the reeve. She responded by giving me the finger, flipped me off, gave me the finger wave, flipped me the bird, gave me the rude finger or the one finger salute – take your pick – immediately followed by her approaching me and telling me to "[expletive] off."

The reeve up to this point, as far as I know, has not denied what she did or what she said to me and she did apologize to council, Minden Hills staff and the community.

To quote councillor Brigitte Gall, "I think this visual photograph encapsulates her approach to anyone who disagrees, whether that's on council or in the community."

This digitus manus movement, by the reeve's own account, was a time when "I let my heart take over my head." Our Minden Hills needs a new head of council that can put the heart back into this community.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bradley
Moore Falls

Cottage life

I'm sitting on the dock at the cottage, laptop actually where its name suggests, on my lap, as I write this column. It feels kind of weird, working while looking out over the lake, but this is what living in Cottage Country is all about, eh?

And there's the thing, I'm cottaging in cottage country but really the cottage has nothing to do with it. What it's all about is being outside. Neither the region nor the activity should really include the word 'cottage' at all because the cottage is simply the backdrop to a glorious time spent outdoors.

Similarly, the word 'cottaging' may or may not be listed in the dictionary (I can't check, I'm on the dock) but the adjective should be defined as 'enjoying the outdoors, sitting around campfires, fishing, canoeing and being with friends'. It would almost certainly not mention a building of any sort, be it a rustic log cabin or tiny stone house with roses growing around the front door, as per the

archetypal English cottage.

Now, this definition is obviously my own and I have left out one or two of the important ingredients that I like to ensure are present at the cottage: beers, burgers, breads (otherwise known as my lovely wife, who need not know I have just referred to her as said 'bread') and being silly.

Your idea of what cottaging entails will likely contain two or more of the above but will also be different from mine because firstly, you may prefer bourbon to beer and second, you're Canadian and so have probably had far more experiences of cottaging than me. For my part, I've visited a few cottages, some near and some far.

One was a rustic log cabin – a one-room affair with no more creature comforts than a squeaky metal framed bed and a bucket to haul water. The bathroom was a shovel and a visit to the bush. Another cottage that I frequented had the capacity to sleep

fifteen, a living room bigger than my entire house, a bar and pool table in the basement, and a speed boat on hand just in case I felt like taking my life into my own hands and annoying the neighbours by crashing into their dock. The thing that both of these properties had in common though was that they were on a lake and we spent almost no time indoors. We did get nearer to the cottage as the day and evening progressed, gravitating from water to dock to lawn, fire pit and then deck as the hours past and the sun went down. But only after dark, and more than one or two beverages, did we retire to the cottage.

I guess what I'm saying is that we should really going 'laking' or 'docking' or 'fire pitting'. Nope, they don't sound like they'll catch on, do they? How about, 'we're going to the country'? I like the sound of that, but maybe it's because I'm English and so much of my homeland is not countryside, and so visiting the not-towny-bits is a treat. Here everywhere is

country and as such 'going to the country' is null and void; it's staying home! Damn it, I guess you guys have got it down already.

Cottaging is what it is in Canada and it's not going to change even if a bloke from England doesn't agree with the name.

At the end of the day cottaging is a wonderful thing, even if there are no roses around the front door. I'll have to take it on the chin and accept that when I say 'let's go beer-burger-burning-stuff for the weekend' most folks are going to look at me like I'm insane and go cottaging with their other friends. That said, some of the folks I call my best friends here would get quite excited if I suggested beers, burgers and burning stuff, such is the rich diversity and renegade quality of the people who I have been cottaging with here in Haliburton County.

The Outsider



By Will Jones

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: What are your thoughts on summer traffic in the Highlands?



Brenda Walsh

Wilberforce

I think that the tourists have been awesome. People are friendly. I can always find a place to park. No problems anywhere.

Donald Kenney

Long Lake

Every time I drive from the school I think that they will have to widen the road for a third lane to the York light. Few will let you in and out of line. The boomers are coming and we are not ready.



Gail Kenney

Long Lake

For the most part drivers are very pleasant. It takes a long time to get through the light so maybe they could time the light better for the incoming traffic flow on the main drag.

Rick Hammett

Houston, TX

Traffic has not been that bad. We have been here for a month with no problems. This is terrific and the traffic in Texas is really terrible.



Robert Lee

Long Lake

It is terrible. I come into town in the mornings and then get out of town. It is hard to get in and out of places as few people will cut you a break.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Taxes, transparency and fairy tales

Dear editor,

Reeve Reid's so-called fulfilled election promise to reduce taxes from a 32 per cent increase from 2006-2010 to just over a 12 per cent increase from 2011-2014 is due largely to the fairy tale magical mathematics of the reeve and Ward Two councillor Ken Redpath. In fact it is not a promise fulfilled at all.

Let's be fair and honest Ms. Reid and Mr. Redpath and tell the taxpayers and voters of Minden Hills why. Let's compare apples to apples.

Let's tell the voters about the necessary budget overrun in the previous term of council in the roads department for snow removal and the need to spend those extra dollars to keep our roads open for local and seasonal residents alike.

Let's tell them about an increase in policing costs in the previous term of council (of which Ms. Reid was a member) of approximately \$220,000 over four years. Tell the voters as well that there was no increase in the (OMPF) provincial grant from 2007-2009 and the decrease of \$67,000 of this same (OMPF) grant in 2010. These three added burdens plus two additional budget over runs, for which staff were disciplined, contributed largely

to the additional extra costs.

She also knows that these added policing costs and provincial grant (OMPF) shortfalls were and are outside of any council control. Yet as part of her re-election platform, she has failed to tell the voters this side of the story. Why? The answer is a no-brainer.

Why too in her re-election campaign promotion material, has she failed to tell the voters that the increases in (OMPF) provincial grants to Minden Hills and lower policing increases over the last four years have greatly assisted in keeping tax increases at the 12.2 per cent?

The other side of the equation for 2011-2014 then, is that it hasn't been good management of your tax dollars by the reeve and Mr. Redpath; rather it has been lower increases in policing costs combined with grant increases from the province which has helped make the difference and provided the township with a surplus.

Possibly too, part of the answer in this purported massive difference in taxes is the so-called 16 per cent reduction in staffing costs and benefits created through gapping and the failure to fill senior and middle management and front line staff in a timely and appropriate manner. Regrettably not.

The purported 16 per cent savings have been negated by equal or greater costs for, among others, moving costs for an employee from British Columbia, internships, consulting fees, headhunters and legal fees in dealing with lawsuits against the township from terminated employees.

We have also yet to discover what out of court cost settlements have been for terminated employees (three at least) and whether or not we have paid for them directly through our tax dollars or through township insurance (for which we pay the premiums and the deductible) in each case. Only through the Freedom of Information Act do we have hope of learning what these costs have been.

In fact, when all the numbers are sorted out and the outside costs (policing and provincial grants) are removed from the numbers game, tax increases for 2007-2010 were similar with increases over the last four years.

Rather the question to be asked is why have the total increases over the last four years been as high as the 12.2 per cent touted by the reeve when policing cost increases have been lower and provincial grants higher during this term of council? Perhaps the answer really lies with all the

unnecessary costs cited above.

The so-called fulfilled election promise by Ms. Reid is simply a fairy tale full of pixie dust.

So much for transparency, coming clean with the voters and the failure of this election promise; one unfulfilled promise among many over this last three plus years.

Let's hope the voters, both local and seasonal, to whom the reeve has been speaking about the supposed great job she has done with respect to keeping taxes low, recognize what really has and has not happened over the last 3.7 years and, as has happened to so many at the township, show her and Mr. Redpath the door in October. To borrow from Edward Langley, artist (1928-1995), 'what this township needs is two unemployed politicians'.

As far as the reeve flipping the bird on Canada Day to any citizen of Minden Hills or anyone else for that matter, an apology just doesn't cut it. Her actions were an insult to all taxpayers of Minden Hills. Ms. Reid should do the honourable thing: resign now and save the voters the trouble of replacing her in October.

Peter Oyler
Minden Hills



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Highlander news

Cottager back for another crack at council

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

In 2011, local cottager Bob Buckingham decided to run for a seat on Algonquin Highlands council because he was opposed to the airport expansion project. Although he lost by 16 votes in a by-election to current Ward 3 councillor Marlene Kyle, Buckingham has once again filed his nomination papers for the same seat in the upcoming election.

"This time around it's the OPP funding [model]," said Buckingham, when asked why he decided to file his nomination papers. "I'd like to see a little more proactivity on council's part, because that was a real slap in the face. I'm sure a lot of people are going to be stung by that."

Buckingham is referring to the OPP's new billing model, which has been a hot topic in Haliburton County for many months. Under the proposed model, police services could increase by as much as \$5 million in the county and Algonquin Highlands is being faced with the most significant tax increase at 36 per cent.

When speaking about his platform, Buckingham referred to the written work of Patrick Boyer, a former MP and lawyer, who described the four pillars of the economy in Muskoka as being forestry, agriculture, manufacturing and the vacation economy. "Algonquin Highlands has a very similar

type of economy," he said.

In the future, Buckingham would like to see more dialogue between the township and lake and road associations.

"There's some really good people that are on these associations that are smart and talented, and can have some pretty good suggestions."

With his business background, Buckingham is a proponent of zero-based budgeting. It's how he would like to see budgets created within the township.

"I'd rather build it from the bottom up and then you can weigh your priorities."

Although he doesn't have any previous experience in municipal politics, Buckingham has served on numerous boards with the latest being vice president of the Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association. He has spent time in council chambers – both as an observer and presenter.

As an inventor and strategic financial advisor, the Uxbridge resident says he is good at thinking outside the box.

"If elected I hope to bring a fresh approach but I also understand the need to familiarize myself with council protocols."

In the coming months he's looking forward to reaching out to more constituents in the township.

"I really want to get out there and talking to the people, because at the end of the day you're representing them."



By Matthew Desrosiers

Dental Outreach nets \$1,100

Elizabeth O'Connor of RBC Dominion Securities has donated \$1,100 to the Volunteer Dental Outreach of Haliburton County (VDO). Since its inception, the VDO has provided dental care to 439 patients in need through 2,849 appointments. Eighteen dentists have volunteered their time at the VDO. Approximately 50 patients remain on the VDO's waiting list for care.

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Meetings and Events

Aug 7

7:00 pm, Irondale Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting, Irondale Community Centre

Aug 10

9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Dawson Hamilton Memorial Tournament - Lower Diamonds at the Minden Fairgrounds

Aug 11

6:30 pm, Youth Softball League Night
Minden Fairgrounds

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Aug 16

11:00 am, Irondale Horseshoe Tournament
Irondale Community Centre
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Aug 20

6:00 pm, Great Fires of Minden,
Presented by the Minden Hills Museum

Aug 28

9:00 am, COTW/Regular meeting of Council,
Minden Council Chambers
(10:00 am Public Session)

Construction Notice

The reconstruction of Bobcaygeon Rd from Peck St to Hwy 35 is scheduled to begin the week of August 5.

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EXHIBITIONS AT THE MUSEUM

Fires, Floods, and Minden

The early 1940's was a difficult time for Minden. This exhibition, located in the Sterling Bank building, documents three fires that destroyed the business on Minden's Main Street in 1879, 1890, and 1942. There are also photos of the 1943 flood and some information surrounding that event as well.

Fahrenheit 1500 – The Nature of Forest Fires

The exhibit in Nature's Place looks at both the positive and negative aspects of forest fires and the effect forest fires have on our ecosystem.

National Film Board Thursdays
Thursdays from 2 to 3pm (ongoing)

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre offers documentaries by the National Film Board. This new and free event will take place in the Common Room every Thursday afternoon. These NFB film afternoons are based around the themes of Art, Heritage and the Environment. There will be postings on the website and around the Cultural Centre which will outline the specific theme and film for each Thursday.

The theme for August 14 is Heritage, and the films are: 'The Spell of the Yukon' (43 min), and 'Heavy Horse Pull' (15 min)



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July 22–August 23

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Monday Evenings 7pm-9pm

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Creat-en for Kids- Ages 6-11

Wednesdays 9am-12pm in August

\$8/day/participant

Pre-registration required. More details and application form at <http://mindenhills.ca/art-gallery>

This morning program is an excellent opportunity for children to broaden their skills and knowledge about fine art and craft. August 6 Jackson Pollock Masterpiece; August 13 Kokeshi Blocks; August 20 David Hockney Land; August 27 Joseph Turner Sunrise with Sea Monsters

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\$8/day/participant

Pre-registration required. More details and application form at <http://mindenhills.ca/art-gallery>

Bored? Here are some really cool activities to do besides gaming and staring into space this summer. July 31 Adobe Photoshop Premier; August 7 Silkscreened T's; August 14 Digital Magazine; August 21 A Study in Texture & Color (Space Cats); August 28 Adobe Photoshop Premier

Econauts at Natures Place- Ages 6-12

Tuesdays 10:30am to 3:30pm in August

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Housing tops for Minden candidate

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Pam Sayne will challenge incumbent Ward 2 councillor Ken Redpath in the upcoming election.

Sayne filed her nomination on July 30. "I think we need to have a better council, more responsive to the community," she said. "I'd been discussing it with several other possible candidates, [but] the timing just wasn't right for them. So I have recently pulled back on some other volunteer commitments I have, stepped up and took it on with the encouragement of many other members of the community."

Sayne said her experience working with organizations has given her the tools to help re-align council to where she thinks it should be.

"I'm a team player in the sense that I can work with people who have different approaches and different ideas," she said. "I try to help come up with the best ideas and way to go in a cooperative way."

The answer for Minden's council, she said, is more of a team spirit.

"I think we need to have more community consultation and I think I can bring that to the table and working in groups."

Looking around, Sayne is more impressed with surrounding communities than her own in Minden sometimes.

"This is where I live and I thought moving at one point," she said. "Looking at some of the other municipalities, [they're] working better than we are. It's troublesome we're not pulling together and working better."

Many candidates in the Minden election have been targeting how council has operated over the last three years, including Sayne. She said council needs to be reigned in.

"[We need to] put authority for policies and direction back to council, and carrying out the tasks and work has to go back to the CAO and heads of departments. I think we've overstepped the grounds of

the council in the last four years and what those roles are."

For example, she said council has encroached on the CAO's job description by handling some of the budgeting process.

"[They] don't have the skills to create the budget," she said. "My opponent [Redpath] does not have the skills to create the budget for the municipality."

"I think there's a real misunderstanding of what we should be doing as councillors and what our mandate is. We have to take direction from the community."

Sayne said she feels the community has been left behind in Minden.

"It's not fun anymore," she said. "It's a community. We should be enjoying this place. We just see so much mistrust and so much dissing of each other, that it's not fun and that's gotta change."

To turn things around, Sayne said council will need to create an environment where the community can respond to issues such as housing, policing, and taxes.

Of those issues, housing is closest to Sayne's heart. She said she has always been a housing advocate and has travelled the world learning from various housing projects.

"Housing is a huge issue," she said. "That's our sense of place. I think we could do something much more important here, maybe even do some things other communities haven't done before."

It's not just about building an affordable housing project, she said, but really thinking about housing and what the community actually needs. She said the most successful model she has seen is one that integrates all incomes and professions within the housing development, and avoiding segregating classes of people based on income.

While she has a lot of ideas around housing, Sayne said it's important to work with the other councillors and make sure the community has their say.

"We really need to take the town back," she said.

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Please note the **updated schedule** below:

Tuesday, September 23:
Highlands East

Thursday, September 25:
Algonquin Highlands

Tuesday, September 30:
Dysart et al

Thursday, October 2:
Minden Hills

Monday, October 6:
Candidates for Reeve &
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Each meeting will include questions from the floor. If you will be unable to attend these meetings and would like to submit a question, please send it to:

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Photo by Mark Arike

The Pinestone Resort's new general manager, Randy Heyd, stands on the 18th green of the golf course.

New Pinestone GM looks to build for the long term

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

After a lengthy search, the Pinestone Resort has hired its new general manager.

Gravenhurst resident Randy Heyd officially took over the reins on July 21.

"I arrived in the middle of the season to tackle the golf course and a busy resort," said Heyd, who was vice president and general manager at Taboo Resort in Muskoka for eight years before accepting the position.

"I was contacted by a former colleague who works for our parent company, and asked that I get together with the ownership group to talk about Pinestone and its current status, and potential for future direction," said Heyd.

The Pinestone is owned by Vrancor Group, a company based out of Hamilton that specializes in property and hotel management.

In April, the resort's previous general manager, Matthew Phillips, resigned due to personal reasons. He held the position for over a year.

"There was a very structured transitional period, in terms of absorbing the insights and meeting the team," he said. "Matthew was on property for several days, we speak on a very regular basis. He was a very solid resource."

Originally from the Toronto area, Heyd spent a lot of time during his childhood years visiting resorts on weekends and travelling. He enjoyed his experiences enough to want to pursue employment in the hospitality industry as a teenager.

"My background is all on-the-job training,"

he said, pointing out that none of his learning was done at a post secondary institution. He did, however, spend some time teaching in the hospitality program at George Brown College in Toronto.

Over the course of his career, Heyd has held management positions at a number of hotels and resorts, including the Fairmount, Marriott and Four Seasons chains. He also has experience in sales and marketing.

According to Heyd, he was responsible for opening Rocky Crest Resort in Muskoka and transforming Taboo into what it is today. He's also been involved in a number of hotel openings and expansion projects.

In his involvement in the industry, Heyd says he was well aware of the Haliburton area and the Pinestone.

"I haven't resided here before but I know it very well as a tourism partner."

Since starting the job, Heyd has focused on getting to know the staff at the resort as well as members of the community. He met several local residents at the recent Matt Duchene Gold Medal Golf Classic, which was held at the resort on July 24.

What he's found is that there's a strong mix of residents and visitors who support the resort.

"There seems to be a very strong intertwining of the two."

Heyd doesn't plan on making any significant changes to the operation of the resort in the foreseeable future. In fact, he wants to build on the good work that has been done to date.

"I know there's a very strong connect with the community ... both with full-time

and seasonal residents. I can see we've worked hard to expand that relationship," he said, adding that the resort is in talks with "additional partners for additional programs."

In order to properly service the customer base once the summer ends, Heyd said a staff recruiting process has been started.

"We expect to have a very busy fall in the conference market."

Asked if he had concerns about the many management changes at the resort in recent years, Heyd said it wasn't a factor in his decision to join the team.

"That's before my time, it's history. I don't know the reasons for it – it's not my business. I believe the Pinestone has a very great opportunity to move forward."

Heyd says the resort's key to success – like all other resorts – will be generate incremental volume as the seasons change.

The development of fall and winter programming will play a role in that, and marketing efforts will shift towards conferences, weddings and social retreats.

The resort's selling features include its location, 18-hole golf course, large conference rooms and dedicated staff, he said.

The 57-year-old Heyd says he plans on sticking around to ensure the success of the resort.

"I'm a seasoned hotel operator and where I spend my time and efforts is very, very important for my professional and personal goals," he said. "We wouldn't be sitting here talking today if this was a short-term opportunity."

Highlander arts

Trinidadian back to pursue passion for glass

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Over 12 years ago, Trinidad resident Franklin Sankar discovered the art of glassmaking on the internet. An engineer by trade, Sankar was immediately fascinated with the possibilities and the idea of tapping into his creative side.

"I was looking on the internet and I saw someone build a glass studio in their backyard," he recalled. "I'm an engineer by training and I just fell in love with making glass."

Until Sankar came across glassmaking online, he believed that only large factories were responsible for producing those kinds of glass items.

"The initial attraction was, 'I want to make glass.' I wasn't thinking about what to do with it," he said.

Sankar began to do further online research and connected with glass artists on a message board. Without a mentor or instructor by his side, he managed to gather enough information to be able to melt glass.

"Just being able to create a small pot of molten glass was fantastic. ... I never, in my wildest imagination, thought about art."

Inspired by the beautiful creations he saw posted online, Sankar decided to take things a step further. Through the power of the web he connected with Terry Craig, a local glass artist and Haliburton School of the Arts faculty member. Craig encouraged him to pursue his newfound passion in the Highlands.

"[Twelve] years ago I came [to the Haliburton School of the Arts] and did his class. After that I didn't dare call myself an artist, but I was hopelessly addicted," chuckled Sankar.

Since he wasn't aware of any other glass artists in Trinidad, Sankar didn't have anyone to turn to for help or advice.

"Terry understood the situation – how to get materials, burners, stuff like that. Even though I'm an electrical engineer it's very difficult because it's gas, it's mechanical stuff, chemical stuff and that's not my area of expertise."

With the information he obtained and skills he acquired, Sankar set out to build his own studio in Trinidad. It ended up being an ongoing experiment with plenty of trial and error. He built his first furnace using bricks that a friend uncovered in the garbage and



Photo by Mark Arike

Franklin Sankar holds up a glass dragonfly he made in the flameworking course.

refractory cement.

Just two years ago, Sankar had to start from scratch after putting his furnace into overdrive, causing a meltdown.

"The elements melted and the whole walls melted, so I had to start all over again. However, in the meantime, I was having lots of fun because I was able to melt glass."

While waiting for new parts and materials to arrive, Sankar had to find a way to "feed his addiction." That's when he came across flameworking. He began using bottles and window panes, neither of which are as easy to work with as molten glass.

"It took me a year or more to discover that it's very difficult," he laughed, "almost impossible to do what people were doing with the glass that we're using here [at the Haliburton School of the Arts]."

In January, Sankar touched base with Craig to see if flameworking was being offered at the Haliburton campus. On July 26, he left Trinidad and returned to Haliburton to take a

one-week flameworking course led by Brad Sherwood, running from July 28 to Aug. 1.

During the course he learned how to create a variety of small glass pieces, including leaves, a hand, a dragonfly, and marbles.

"The creative process in the class is mindboggling," he said, pointing out that being surrounded by other artistic individuals makes for a very exciting environment.

"I learned quite a lot about the problems I had with flameworking, so I'm in a much better position now to solve some of those problems."

For Craig, it was a pleasure to see Sankar again and work with him in the flameworking course (he was the technical assistant).

"It was quite interesting to meet somebody who was that excited about glass," he said, referring to the time the two first met 12 years ago.

"It brought a real energy into the room to have someone here who was desperate to know everything, to learn as much as they

possibly could. It's still exciting to see that desire and passion after all these years. He hasn't changed; he's still eager to learn as much as he can possibly learn."

This time around, Sankar stayed with the Craigs in Tory Hill.

"We just sort of invited him in and played tour guide. We've taken him around and shown him the sights in Haliburton."

Craig said they treated Sankar to lunch at Rhubarb, and introduced him to poutine and bagpipes (Craig plays with the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums band).

"It was a real joy to have him here," he said.

Sankar, now 60, hopes to one day come back to Haliburton and wants to pursue his passion full-time once he heads into retirement.

"That's my retirement plan," he said with a wide grin. "I can't wait to because a full-time job sucks so much time out."

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Highlander arts

Students sharpen their bladesmith skills

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Ten years ago, Jeff Helmes was a student in the blacksmithing program at the Haliburton School of the Arts. So when the full-time swordsmith returned to his former stomping grounds to step into the role of instructor, he couldn't help but experience feelings of déjà vu.

Between July 28 and Aug. 1, the Middletown artist taught 11 students a beginner's course on how to create a hand-forged, hand-finished knife using basic tools at the college's blacksmithing shop on Mallard Road.

"I love coming here to teach," said Helmes. "It's great, it feels like home every year. I really love it."

Helmes picked up blacksmithing in his backyard at the age of 23 and enrolled in the college's blacksmithing program at 24. He was eventually hired privately by Sandra Dunn, a blacksmith and faculty member at the school.

"She hired me and then subsequently would bring in an assistant for the first two weeks of the full-time course to help with all the students. I wound up doing that seven or eight years," he said.

Helmes chose a career in metalwork because it was a medium he was interested in since he was a boy.

"So I guess I'm just living out my childhood dream," he said, adding that his immediate family thought he was crazy for embarking on such an endeavour.

When Helmes studied at the college, there weren't any courses offered in bladesmithing. He decided to provide evening demonstrations, which got people talking.

"I did that almost every year that I was here. There was so much feedback from the demonstrations that they decided to offer a course."

This is the first summer course that Helmes has taught at the Haliburton School of the Arts, which is one Fleming College's five campus locations.

In the week-long course, students focused their efforts on creating their very own knife and a sheath to cover it. The completed project had to consist of a flat blade (four to eight inches long), wooden handle, and brass fitting on both the front and back ends of the knife.

Some of the students have delved into blacksmithing, said Helmes, but most were new to the medium.

"That's the way that I wanted it. I wanted beginners to be able to come here and make a project from start to finish and learn something."

Toronto resident and Canning Lake cottager, Dennis Chapman, was one of those students. His wife, who has studied at the college before, encouraged him to sign up for a course this summer.

"The stars aligned," said Chapman.

A native of Sault Ste. Marie, Chapman recalled what it was like to grow up around a sawmill. Both his brother and father are welders.

"Forging has always been a fascination of mine," he said.



Photo by Mark Arike

Above: Ottawa resident Orrin Kerr takes a hammer to his blade in the swordsmithing course led by Jeff Helmes. Right: This was the first course that Toronto resident Dennis Chapman has ever taken at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

Chapman found it very rewarding to be able to turn a piece of a raw metal into a work of art with a hammer, file, and sandpaper.

Ottawa resident Orrin Kerr was also hard at work creating his very own bollock dagger. A visitor to the area, Kerr has taken writing and jewellery courses before.

"It's a nice little break," said Kerr, a retired computer programmer who plays in a pipe band.

"These courses are always fascinating. You get to find out how something is done, and get some street credit," he laughed.

Both his wife and sister have been participating in courses at the college for many years. Kerr said he was enjoying bladesmithing, but found it a bit physically demanding.

"It's like jewellery," he explained. "Forging and casting is the easy part. Polishing is what wears you out."

At the start of the course, Helmes wasn't sure how quickly the class would pick up the various techniques. But as he soon discovered, the learning curve wasn't that steep after all.

"I was a little bit worried that I was a bit over my head, but everybody's been extremely competent, and really interested and motivated. They're doing a fantastic job," he said.

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Highlander arts

Tour de Forest an artistic treat

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Haliburton's eighth annual Tour de Forest has come and gone, with 20 artists exhibiting at eight locations across the county.

Acrylic painters, sculptors, potters, photographers, glassblowers, stained glass makers, quilters, felters, and other talented artists were featured at this year's event.

Laurie O'Reilly and sister Colleen Ferdinands were fifth-time participants in the tour, and displayed their works at O'Reilly's Eagle Lake studio. Ferdinands mused that perhaps their location was out of the way for Tour de Forest participants.

"This morning we had a little flurry of activity, but they were repeat customers. Other than that it's been a bit spotty."

Ferdinands, a physiotherapist by profession and potter by passion, has been creating pottery pieces for 10 years.

"The science of clay, that's something I can get and something I can do. The decorating, though, that takes a lot of practice."

"You know you're with people who produce quality pieces," said O'Reilly of the Tour

de Forest. "It's enjoyable and it's a sister's weekend for us. I always have my studio set up, and it's fun for me to show people the processes I go through."

Charlene McConnell of Purple Door Pottery was set up for the Tour de Forest at Jane Selbie's studio in Haliburton, and is a potter by profession.

"I took an intensive ceramics course at the Haliburton School of the Arts about eight years ago," she said. "I do a variety of work in stoneware and ceramics. I like to keep

things new and do some whimsical things. I'm trying to get into brighter colours. It takes a while, but it's fun. When you enjoy what you're doing, you don't mind taking the time to do it."

Jane Selbie

herself creates landscape scenery through fabric layering, and enjoys displaying her work during the Tour de Forest.

"It's a way to develop a sort of mental destination for people. It's encouraging to see the people come out. They can see how my style is changing – nothing is static with art."

The Tour de Forest provides a marketing and exposure opportunity for the artists in Haliburton County, and many pieces are sold during the tour. s



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Left: Wall art by Laurie O'Reilly and pottery by Colleen Ferdinands. Above: Potter Charlene McConnell displays a platter she made using eight different glazes which create depth.

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Book showcases local artists

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Local artists flocked to Head Lake Park last Thursday evening for the launch of the book "The Artists of Haliburton Highlands," published by Andrea Hillo.

As the artists milled around and signed the pages where their work was displayed, many praises of the book were heard.

"It's a really beautiful book – Andrea did a great job," said artist Lori Kallay of Harcourt. "It's kind of fun to be in a book ... it's a bit weird though, a bit surreal."

Not only were the artists impressed, but passers-by stopped in to purchase the book, too.

"I just went for a walk here in Head Lake Park, and came across this [event]," said Moore Falls resident Noni Richardson. "It's a beautiful book. I just happened to have the exact money to buy it, though I was short 30 cents."

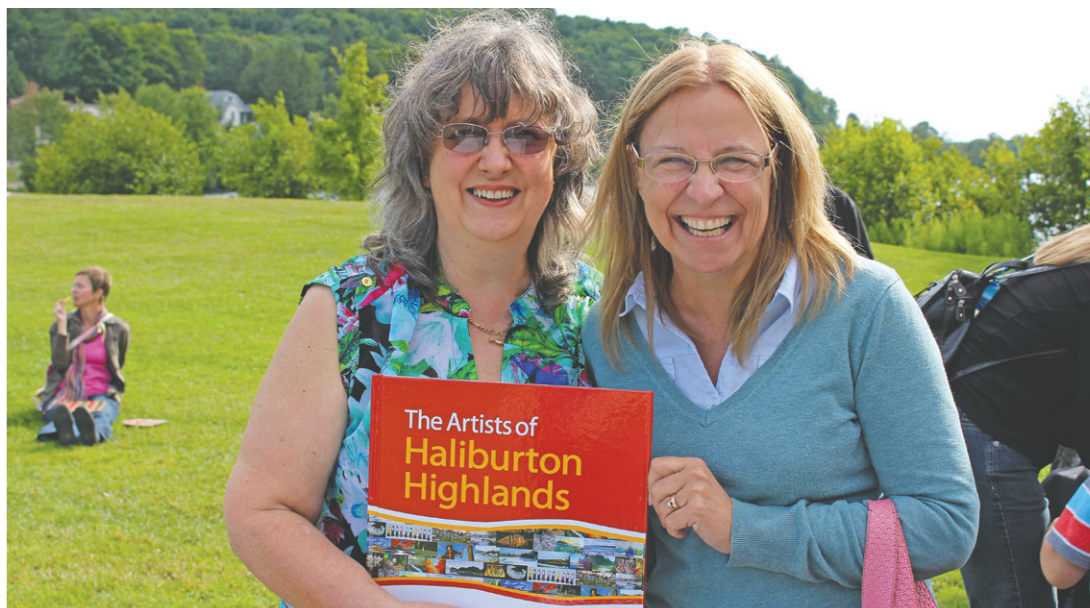
The 30 cents were happily covered by a gentleman who overheard the exchange.

"I'm just getting to know the Haliburton artists," said Sharon Galiffi. "I've been coming here for three years. We have a timeshare here. There's so much talent in one area. It's peaceful here, not like the hustle and bustle of the city. Every time we come here we explore a new part of the region."

Galiffi, from Toronto, spent time getting to know some of the artists featured in the book, and had them sign under their works.

Many of the featured artists were present for the launch, and were gearing up for the Tour de Forest occurring over the weekend of August 2-3.

"You really meet a lot of brilliant, nice people," said Pat Hemphill, featured artist and third time participant in the Tour de Forest. "You learn a lot from the feedback. Many of the people who come are from out of town who come specifically for the Tour. They often stay with the locals, so they hear about the Tour from them."



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Left: Featured artists Pat Hemphill and Lori Kallay. Top: Featured artists in Artists of Haliburton County. Above: Artwork by Pat Hemphill.

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Above: Opera singer Christopher Dunham sings for an audience at St. George's Anglican Church on July 31.
Right: Highlands Opera Studio artistic director Richard Margison provides feedback to participants during a recent master class.



Opera returns to the Highlands for eighth season

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Several up-and-coming Canadian opera singers showcased their talents to a local audience during the Highlands Opera Studio's master classes, held from July 31 to Aug. 2 at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton.

"These performers have so much to offer," said world-renowned tenor Richard Margison on opening night. Margison is also the artistic director for the Opera Studio, which is marking its eighth year in the Highlands.

During each master class, participants in the program sang a piece for an audience and Margison, who reviewed their performances and offered constructive criticism. After receiving his feedback, they sang the parts he suggested they deliver differently.

As is often the case with opera, love was a reoccurring theme in many of the songs.

Established in 2007, the Opera Studio provides a month's worth of training to experienced singers looking to take their careers to the next level. The program is provided free-of-charge to those who are selected through a Canada-wide audition process (about 200 singers apply each year).

"Basically what we do is we work six days a week and each day there are rehearsals, coaching, there could be workshops or auditions," said company manager Melissa Stephens.

Nineteen singers were selected by Margison and his wife Valerie Kuinka, who is the Opera Studio's general manager.

Each participant joins for free and all of their living costs are covered by the fully-subsidized program.

The total cost for each singer is about \$5,000, most of which is covered by private donations, corporate sponsorships, and fundraising, said Stephens.

Since she has been with the program from its inception, Stephens has witnessed its evolution over the years. The quality of the final product keeps on getting better, she said.

In addition to the intensive training, participants get to star in a number of performances throughout August. The grand finale comes in the form of Tosca, a three-act opera by Giacomo Puccini that tells a story of love, lust, and power.

"A very successful Tosca and full houses would be amazing for us," she said.

Four performances of Tosca will take place at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Aug. 22, 24, 26, and 28. All shows are at 8 p.m. with the exception of a 2 p.m. matinee on Aug. 24.

One of the main goals for this season, said Stephens, is to introduce as many new people to opera as possible. By making it accessible to the entire community, she hopes to remove the stigma that is often attached to this form of entertainment.

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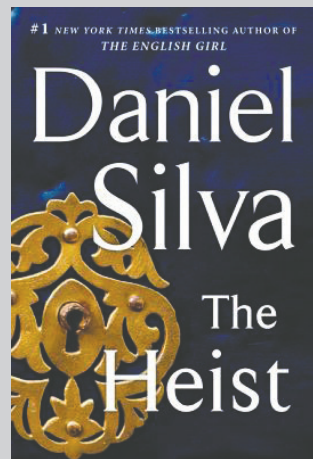
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2. *The Lost Island* by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
3. *Fast Track* by Julie Garwood

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1. *Beowulf: a translation and commentary* by J.R.R. Tolkien
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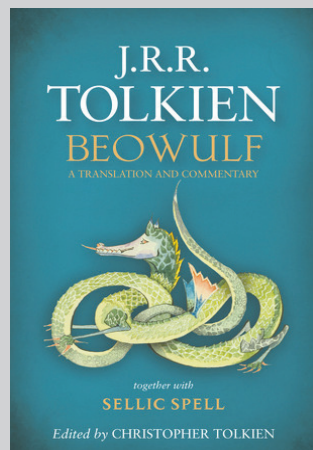
1. *Fire and Ice* by Shannon Hale (JF)
2. *Awesome Dawson* by Chris Gall (Picture Book)

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1. *Noah* (DVD)
2. *The Fortune Hunter* by Daisy Goodwin (Book on CD)

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Down our Road Water babies



By Sharon Lynch

Derek first heard it, a thunderous rumbling upriver headed his way. Obviously a log had been let out at the dam, raising the water level and sending a gush of newly released volume to make its way downstream. One lake down from the dam, beaches would soon shrink, floats rise, and docks draw closer to the water's edge.

But Derek didn't care much about that. What he anticipated was all the white water soon to be churning and bubbling in front of his cottage. For some of his city friends such sight would be cause for nervousness if not outright fear. Next, if they saw him jump into the middle of all that foaming wet stuff, they might think their friend had lost his mind. Unless, that is, they had spent time with Derek at his cottage and learned how to handle the high river, how to enjoy its power.

For Derek was a water baby. When he had been still unable to stand on his own, his parents had held him wrapped in their arms as they sat together in the white water. Parental feet propped against a piece of granite, their bodies had been gently pummelled in the whirlpool. The water sprayed whatever wasn't submerged, sending droplets on little Derek's face and neck. It had felt playful the way the water tickled his skin and cooled his summer-hot body. He came to quickly see the river's force as something hugely enjoyable but requiring certain rules.

The rules dictated sensible caution and judgement. Sometimes the river was too high and swift for even his father and those were the days they stayed away from the water. Like a pet dragon that fluctuated between giving free rides and cranky moods requiring distance, the white water was infinitely changeable.

There were a number of ways to experience the river and Derek had learned to enjoy it in all its carnations over the years. Besides sitting feet propped and bubbles rushing against his back and shoulders, he often slid over the moss-slick Canadian Shield river bottom like riding a sled down a snowy incline. His stomach lurched pleasantly as he allowed the water to push him forward into the churning pool below. Derek knew the pool intimately, every rock large and small, where

the bottom dipped down or rose up and so his resting spot was never left to chance. This knowledge gave him confidence and that in turn provided sure footing and safe choices.

Once or twice, but only that, he had become over-confident, perhaps wanting to show off to guests that he was master of the white water. Mistake. The river could quickly put him in his place. It demonstrated that it could sweep his feet out from under him if he lessened his concentration. Or it might push him suddenly and forcefully against the rocks before he had a chance to find his foot hold. In addition to his embarrassment Derek would have ended up with a scraped elbow or knee.

Sometimes the water coming over the dam was little more than a trickle. While this was not Derek's favourite experience, the white water barely white and little more than ankle deep, it continued to draw him in. Donning a face mask he slowly floated on the shallow pool, where the water collected before continuing on down to the lower lake. Bass, minnows, and crayfish hid in the rocks' cool shadows giving Derek plenty to see. He could do this off and on all day, circling the little basin and marvelling at the play of sunlight filtered between the overhanging cedars.

The day came when Derek the adult brought his own child into the white water. She was a year and a half and clung to his chest like a wet seal. He showed her how the water tickled their skin and could bounce them in its current like a tiny trampoline. Once she had become accustomed to the being there, he grasped her wrists and held her as she floated on the surface like a tethered raft swaying and sloshing in the racing water.

Later as he dried her off on shore, she indicated she wanted to go back in, using one of her new words for 'more'. He looked at her slicked-back hair and stuck-together eyelashes as drops fell from her small round chin. Here was the next generation of water babies he thought and wondered how long the tradition might continue.

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Top: The congregation filled the park in presence and song for Sunday's Sizzlin' Summer Service. Above: Dana McMahon ends children's time with a prayer.

Sunshine for 7th annual Sizzlin' Summer Service

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Church-goers from around the county set up chairs, blankets, and snacks on Sunday for the seventh annual Sizzlin' Summer Service.

The service, held on the August long weekend each year, brought together the leaders and congregations of St. George's Anglican, Lighthouse Pentecostal, Lakeside Baptist, West Guilford Baptist, Northland Faith, Haliburton Pastoral

Charge, and Youth Unlimited.

Head Lake Park was filled with the sound of music during the service, as keyboardist Melissa Stephens, singers Rick Pile, Susan MacDonald, Lindsay Coates, and Christopher Greaves, drummer Carl Dixon, bassist Scotty Duggan, and guitarist Harry Morgan led the congregation through 11 songs.

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Through my eyes Politically correct



By Austin McGillion

I am unsure about politics. From what I have seen on television and the news, politicians seem to me to be responsible for a lot of unnecessary conflicts and woe for the working population. I have seen jobs cut and school funding and healthcare coverage reduced. These are all things that affect me.

The sheer act of taking on the responsibility of helping to select a good political representative seems like a major undertaking, which is why I'm going to have a difficult time deciding how to cast my ballot. I'm flooded with reasons why one party is better than another based on their ad campaign announcements, but how do I know who is best? I have heard, from friends and family, that I should vote for the person not the party. If there is one candidate who can take care of my issues and resolve them in a timely manner then I think I would vote for that candidate, but say this same candidate has nothing to do with something I believe in

or has nothing to say that remotely piques my interest, then oh well, no vote for you.

During my school years in America I learned a lot about government and related topics, most confounding of all is the American system of voting, which is quite different from the Canadian system. After reading up a bit on Canadian voting, I find it is much simpler than American voting in many ways. More parties to choose from, more voters, and a lot of places to vote makes it simple, so there is really no excuse for not casting your ballot.

I really became interested in politics when I sat down at McKecks with friends from The Highlander and they were discussing political parties and their motives. I became intrigued. Unfortunately my birthday is June 15 and fell short by a few days of me being able to register to vote in this past provincial election, but I decided to register so that I have

an opportunity to vote in the coming elections.

I realize now that I have just one more thing to worry about. How will I react when the candidate I vote isn't elected? How will that impact my daily living? How will it affect others? If I vote for a candidate and they get in, but do a terrible job, I will be powerless to change it until the next election. All of this is terribly overwhelming, but I am compelled to do my part. So I will begin. I will read the articles, listen to the debates and try to educate myself. Perhaps the most daunting task ahead of me is figuring out what issues are most important to me. That being said I will do my best to make good decisions and of course I won't tell anyone how I voted in case I make the wrong decision.

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Highlander environment

Citizen Scientists search for salamanders

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

I spent the first half of my holiday Monday up at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, traipsing through selectively-harvested forest. Why, you ask? Looking for red-backed salamanders.

While this may not sound like much fun to some, I had a blast climbing my way up and over forest slash, pushing through raspberry patches, and squeezing between tree trunks.

The purpose of the search for salamanders was to assist University of Toronto graduate student Adam Gorgolewski with his research. Gorgolewski is conducting field studies to test whether or not forests benefit from the spreading of wood ash.

It was explained to our little group, made up of two 13-year-old friends David and William, William's parents Adam and Rhonda, two fellow researchers Monika Oviedo and Chen Shang, and myself, that when trees are removed from the forest, they take their nutrients with them. When the wood is subsequently burned, the carbon and water are removed but the rest of the nutrients remain in the ash.

Would returning the nutrient-rich ash to the forest improve overall forest health without having repercussions? If so, putting wood ash into forests would enhance forest health, deal with tons of ash otherwise sent to landfill, and neutralize our acidic soils.

Gorgolewski has set up an elaborate research project which tests the health of the forest through the various sampling of 28 plots, each 50 feet by 50 feet, in the Haliburton Forest. Wood ash was distributed in varying amounts in each of the plots, with four plots not receiving any.

Boards made of hemlock wood were then numbered one through four in red, and one through four in blue, and laid out diagonally across each plot. Wood ash was then put beneath each of the red boards, but not beneath the blue boards.

Us Citizen Scientists helped Gorgolewski check under each of these boards for red-backed salamanders, whose presence, or lack thereof, is an excellent indicator of forest health. Unfortunately for

Gorgolewski, he was in an accident two months ago that left his writing hand in a cast, so he needed someone to record our findings... the other Citizen Scientists felt inclined to nominate me.

So, carrying my backpack, a camera, and the yellow field notebook, I set off to flip boards and search for salamanders. The boards in the first few plots revealed nothing but dead leaves, a few centipedes, and some fungus, but Gorgolewski told us not to be discouraged as this was the pattern he had encountered so far.

The first finding of a red-backed salamander had all of us rushing to the red-topped board to view our little specimen. Once some photos were taken and the details of our slimy friend were recorded, Gorgolewski gently prodded the salamander in the tail to get him to scurry out of sight before we laid the board back in place.

The two researchers who joined our team, Monika and Chen, followed the group as we made our way from plot to plot, taking soil core samples from each. Soil was collected by pushing a metal auger into the ground, twisting, and removing it. The top ten inches were then collected in the carefully-marked soil sample bags for later testing at the lab.

The soil cores proved interesting for us all as some revealed distinct colour differences or layers, which, Gorgolewski told us, are the result of differing amounts of nutrients. The reddish or rust coloured soil contains more iron, while the darker, blackish coloured soil contains more carbon.

We encountered various other organisms and animal signs during our trek through the forest, including oyster mushrooms, dead-man's fingers mushrooms, a yellow-spotted salamander, many mosquitoes and blackflies, wild sorrel, and some bear feces. Luckily for us, Gorgolewski brought his dog on our venture, so we never encountered that particular mess-maker.

Upcoming Citizen Science opportunities will take place at the Haliburton Forest on Aug. 9 and Aug. 23. For more information on how you can become a citizen scientist, visit <http://citizensciencehaliburton.com/event-calendar> or call 705-754-2198.



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Adam Gorgolewski explains the colour differences in a soil core taken by a participant.



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Heavy rainfall or other water buildup can damage your driveway if it's not removed in a timely fashion.

"Everything is all about drainage - get the water off as soon as possible," said Logan Percy, lead estimator for Hawk River Construction.

Percy says that inadequate or non-maintained driveways and drainage are the leading causes of washouts.

"A lot of people have driveways that are funnels, so all the water comes in on both sides and runs down their driveway and it just can't get off," he said.

If the slope of the driveway is steep enough, water damage can almost be immediate.

"The faster it's going, the more likely it's going to wash material out."

One of the ways to achieve adequate drainage is by creating ditches along both sides of the driveway, or an embankment, said Percy.

Other ways to prepare for water include proper grading of the driveway, and utilizing crowning so that the centre is at the highest point and everything drains off to the sides.

Percy points out that if you have two-inch gravel on your driveway as opposed to something lighter, such as quarter-inch chip, it will take more force to move that material. He recommends using bigger stones on a sloped driveway.

In some cases, trees need to be removed from around the driveway to improve drainage.

"A lot of people have big trees on the side of their driveway that they don't want to lose," he said. "Well, that's interfering with the ditching. They don't want to lose it, and I get it, but a lot of times trees need to come down to get the ditch capacity."

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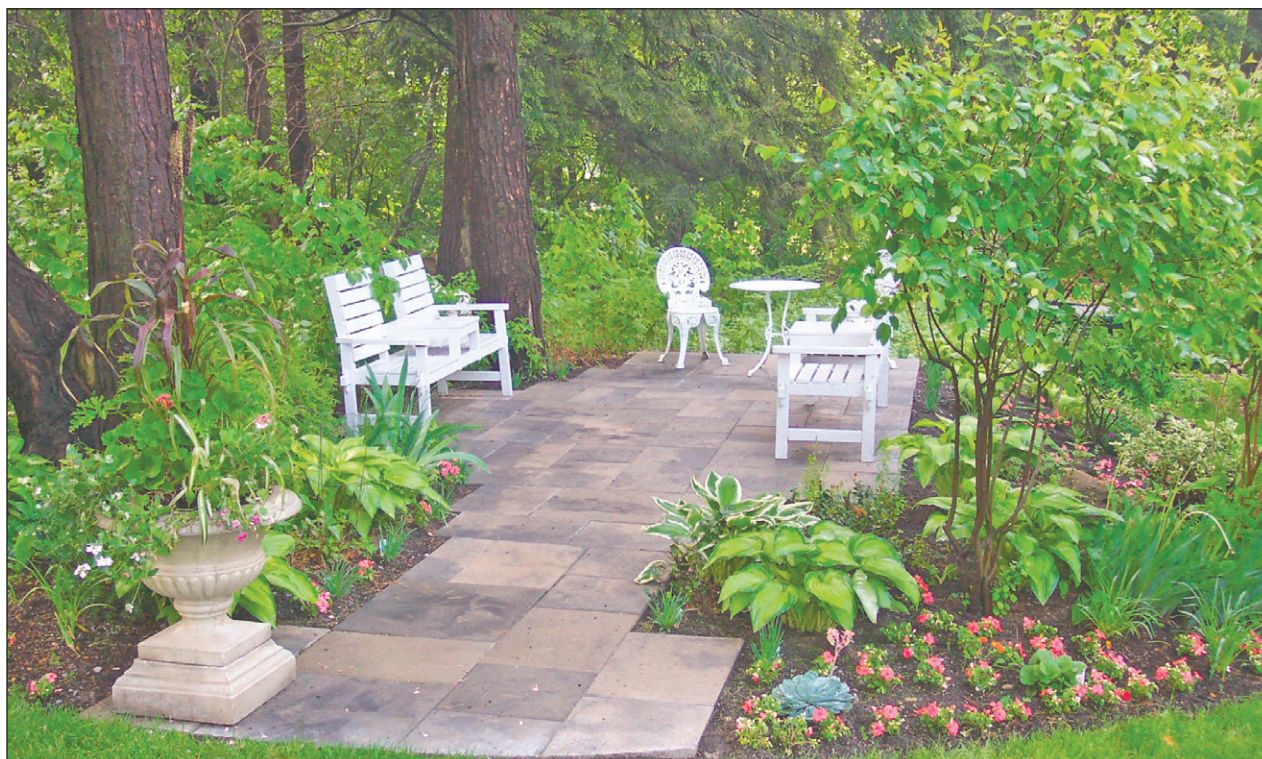
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To begin, mark out the area in the shape and size you wish your patio to be, and ensure you won't be interfering with any buried gas lines. Next, determine the desired height of your patio – it should be a little higher than the surrounding area to ensure water won't stay on the surface. Even out the ground within the patio area and ensure the surface is hard-packed.

After you've evened out the ground, lay out landscape fabric to discourage weed growth. Then, use a chalk line to mark out where patio stones will be laid, and lay in your pieces of stone. Periodically check the patio for evenness using a level. You may need to cut some odd-shaped corner pieces to complete the patio's shape.

Patio stones can be purchased from your local hardware store, or you can find or make your own. Natural stone from your surrounding environment can be used, though they can be a bit trickier to lay out, which can give a more

organic overall shape than the typical square patio stone.

The third option, making your own stones, is more time consuming but allows more freedom in the shape and size of stones. Cement can be purchased, mixed at home, and used to fill molds to create your own patio stones.

Once your patio is finished, sweep some sand between the stones to help stabilize the entire area. Use a hose to wash off any excess dirt, and voila! The perfect cottage patio to enjoy throughout the rest of your summer.

If you're feeling particularly adventurous, try placing a fire pit in the middle and build your patio around it for late-night gatherings.

For more information and in-depth instructions on building a patio yourself, good tutorials are available online at canadiangardening.com and diynetwork.com. You should also ask your local professionals for help with choosing materials.

If building a patio doesn't sound like something you want to do yourself, there are a number of builders and contractors in Haliburton County who would be more than happy to help you out. Visit the Haliburton County Home Builders Association at hchba.ca.

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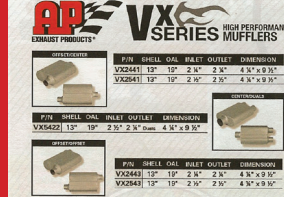
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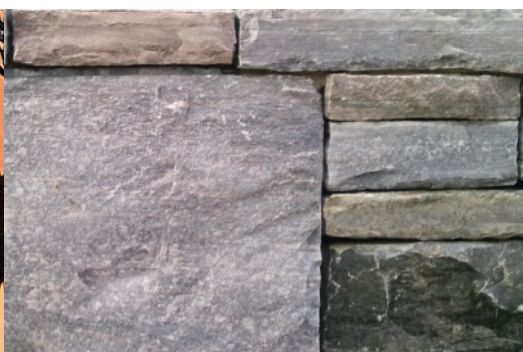
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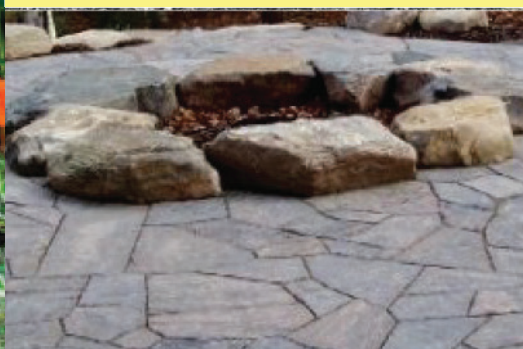
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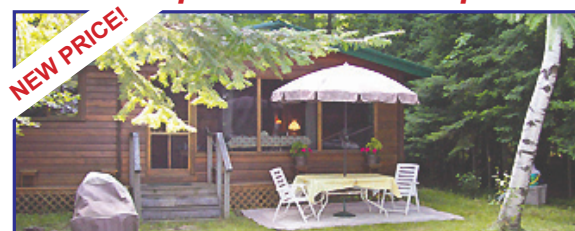
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Highlander sports

Rec coordinator has big plans for Dysart

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With nearly a year under her belt with the Municipality of Dysart et al, Andrea Mueller is looking forward to bringing even more recreational activities and events to the community in the coming months.

Some of the offerings she is currently working on include a Tough Mudder-type event in the fall, a festival to showcase outdoor sports and recreation in the summer, and more winter “try it” activities.

“Most of what we’re doing is free or low cost,” said Mueller, who will be celebrating her one-year anniversary as the municipal recreation pilot project coordinator on Sept. 16.

A Markham native, Mueller first moved to the area in 1999 to join the Haliburton County Outdoor Centre’s internship program.

“It made me fall in love with the area,” she said of her first seven years in Haliburton.

She then moved to Thompson, a city in northern Manitoba, for seven years before returning to Haliburton last year with her husband Jason.

“I saw this job in the paper and heard about it from my friends,” she recalled.

With a degree in recreational leisure studies from Brock University, a teaching degree and plenty of relevant work experience, Mueller decided to go for it.

The part-time position has been funded by a grant from the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund. When she landed the job, Mueller was expected to start up a number of programs, including a intergenerational walking group, frisbee golf in the park, a library loan program, after school and summer programs through Point In Time, and a variety of try it events.

She’s managed to complete that checklist and add to it.

“They’ve been really successful,” she said, referring to the try it events. “We’ve had a lot of people show up.”

One of the first major events Mueller organized was the inaugural Ugly Sweater Run last November. About 60 people showed up to show off their most festive sweaters in the cold while walking or running around Head Lake.

“I really enjoyed the Ugly Sweater Run, and



Photo by Mark Arike

Andrea Mueller wants to bring more recreational activities to Dysart.

we’ll have a second annual one in November. It was neat because it was really cold and people showed up for that,” she said.

Another larger event she was proud to put on was a mountain biking festival in Head Lake Park this past June. Members of the OPP and Health Unit partnered with the municipality for the family-friendly event.

“The kids seemed to have fun and OPP said they would partner with us again.”

Mueller has also launched a number of walking groups to cater to busy people, seniors and everyone in between.

One of the highlights of her job is interacting with the public and providing them opportunities they might not have had access to before.

“My favourite parts are when I’m interacting with the public and getting to see people

involved,” she said, explaining how some participants in a running clinic are still running to this day.

While the original grant proposal stated that events would be held in the village and around Head Lake, Mueller has expanded the municipality’s offerings to include other parts of Haliburton. For example, she recently partnered with SUPNorth to host a stand up paddle boarding event at Pine Lake in West Guilford.

“I want to encompass the whole municipality ... because I think it’s important to know what’s out there and to provide access to other people, too.”

Although the funding for Mueller’s position runs out in March, her ideas extend beyond that timeframe. If able to continue with the municipality, she would like to better utilize

the A.J. LaRue Arena during the months the ice is out (May to June).

“If I am here beyond March of next year, I’d like to see eight weeks of solid programming when the ice is out. There’s opportunities to bring in basketball nets or have a whole bunch of different programs.”

Mueller has found the staff at the municipality helpful and accommodating, especially the parks and recreation department.

“They’ve been helpful and good,” she said.

When Mueller isn’t in her role with the municipality, she works part-time as an activity aid at Extendicare Haliburton.

Anyone with ideas for events or programs is encouraged to contact Mueller at 705-457-1740 ext. 35 or email amueller@dysartetel.ca.

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Highlander sports



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Left: Lucas Hussey called runners to the starting line with a tune from his bagpipes.
Above: The kids got off to a fast start in the 2K Highland Yard run.

Runners hit goal for housing group

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Runners from all over gathered in Minden for the annual Highland Yard on Aug. 3. Race director Jack Russel said the day went very well.

"We generated just shy of \$20,000, but we've got expenses," he said.

The target was to raise \$12,000 for Places for People, a not-for-profit housing organization in the county. Russel said he expects to be very close to achieving the goal.

"We will put [that money] towards Places for People and reduce mortgage costs so we can provide affordable housing," he said. "That's our goal."

Russel is also a Places for People director.

While the race itself had fewer runners this year than last, the number of pledges and business sponsorships increased. Organizers also received a \$2,400 grant

from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) to purchase communications equipment and safety pilons.

"The grant was given to us because we agreed to share those things with other races and community organizations that are in need of communication devices," he said. "It's a good idea when you think about it because there are seven foot or road races in Haliburton County. Everybody utilizes that kind of stuff."

Russel said pledges were up this year because a few community members really took up the charity's banner, including 81-year-old Dave Jones who competed and raised over \$1,500 in pledges.

"That just sets us off," Russel said. "It's a really good base to build from."

Overall, Russel said it was a good event.

"I'm very pleased with the race and the community support we had," he said. "It was a good race for Places for People."



Highlander sports



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers
Above: This duo proves you're never too young to start racing. Top: A group of runners get underway in the 10K Highland Yard marathon. Above right: Runners warm-up before the start of the 10K marathon.

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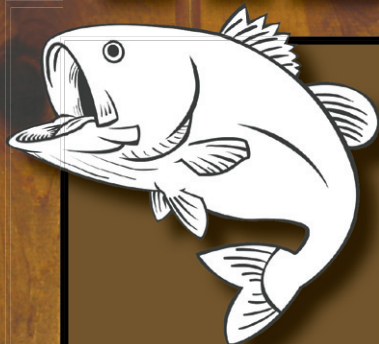
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Highlander outdoors

Meat's on the menu

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Finger-lickin' ribs and succulent chicken are on the menu at the upcoming Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) Chicken & Rib Dinner on Aug. 9.

For \$30 per plate, visitors can enjoy chicken and ribs, with all the sides and even dessert. The evening includes a silent and live auction, along with games of chance. Parents can bring out the whole family for \$75. Children under the age of 12 eat free.

"It's a tremendous deal for \$30," said Mike Johnson, a member of the HHOA. "If you have five kids you can bring them all."

This will be the second year of the Chicken & Rib dinner, which was formerly known as the Conservation Dinner. All the money raised will support the HHOA Fish Hatchery.

Johnson said the dinner is pretty well all-you-can-eat. They had leftovers last year with 250 people in attendance but are hoping to reach 300 attendees this time



File photo

Mike Johnson, left, Kathleen Connors and Jack Jackson prepared the ribs for last year's dinner.

around. The goal is to raise around \$18,000.

The community has rallied behind the event, with businesses and individuals donating prizes for the auction. Johnson said it's important for the community to support the fish hatchery because of the role it plays in the Highlands.

"My perspective is [the hatchery] is conservation and it's part of the lake health and environmental health, and it brings tourists into the area," he said. "We have one of the biggest groups of freshwater lakes that support trout in Ontario. We are supporting that trout population in Ontario

through the stocking of the fish hatchery."

The dinner is being held at the Haliburton Curling Club. Doors open at 4 p.m. for cocktails and the silent auction. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the live auction. For more information, contact the HHOA at 705-457-9664.

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Rotary Carnival 2014



Rotary carnival a smash hit

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

People of all ages flocked to Head Lake Park on Aug. 6 for the Rotary Club of Haliburton's annual carnival.

The evening event included midway rides, games, beef on a bun, fireworks at dusk and the Rotary car draw. A parade went through the village with several floats and marchers in costumes. This year's theme celebrated Haliburton's 150th anniversary. Local Mike Stinson won the Rotary car draw.

Photos by Mark Arike

Left: A group of spectators wave to the OPP as they drive by on Maple Avenue.
Top: Nessie Legge, 2, of Minden goes for a ride in a miniature car.

Rotary Carnival 2014



Photos by Mark Arike

Left: A young boy goes for a ride in a Dysart fire truck. Top: Children fly high on a swing ride at the midway in Head Lake Park. Above: A group of friends take turns at throwing balls into bowls to win a goldfish.

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Friends and families enjoyed a variety of games during the fun day on Canning Lake.

Family fun day makes a splash on Canning Lake

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Canning Lake's family fun day put smiles on faces of all ages on Saturday afternoon.

Jenn Moss organized games for children, intermediates, and adults, ranging from relay races and water balloon tosses to soccer baseball.

"This event has been going for years," said past organizer Lois Rigney. "This is good for the kids. We're going through a demographic

change on the lake, so kids who participated when I ran the games are now here with their kids. It's so cute."

Rigney praised the municipality for the work they put into preparing Ingoldsby Park for the event, as they mowed the lawns, brought four picnic tables over, and raked down the ball diamond.

All games and events were designed to be non-competitive and encouraged everyone to join in the fun.

Highlander events



Photo by Courtney Griffin

Clara Brand helps run the bakesale table.

Nearly \$10,000 raised for cancer treatments

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

The Family Fun Day held at the Stanhope Fire Hall on Saturday Aug. 2, raised \$10,000 for medical fees for Anna Mueller.

Mueller, diagnosed with cancer in the spring of 2013, had a brief reprieve when her 8.5-pound tumour was destroyed by radiation, but the relief was short-lived. The cancer returned in March 2014, appearing as Stage I lung cancer, which has since developed into Stage IV.

The medication required to combat the cancer are \$7,000 per treatment, and Anna needs 10 doses.

"I'm just hoping to make it a little easier on my mom," said Anna's daughter Tammy Jackson. "It's really nice of all our family and friends to come together like this in support. That's what it comes down to really, is my mom seeing the support."

Guests came from as far as Innisfil and Mississauga for the fundraiser, many bringing small children.

The Family Fun Day featured a silent auction and a raffle for prizes with all items

donated by businesses, cotton candy, a scavenger hunt, and other kids' games, a bake sale, and a barbecue.

Dianne Nicks donated her time to the event, giving haircuts all day with proceeds going to the cause.

"I know Jenny, Anna's sister, and she asked if I'd donate a couple of haircuts, and I said why don't I just come for the whole day?" said Nicks.

"There's been unbelievable local support," said Anna's husband Larry Porter. "If everything works out really well with Anna, we're talking about doing an annual fundraiser with proceeds going to someone like Anna and their family to help support them then they can't afford this."

Collection jars at the Eagle Lake Country Store, Kozy Korner, and West Guilford Shopping Centre have been very successful in raising funds, while Haliburton's Lighthouse Pentecostal Church doing a special collection which raised \$670.

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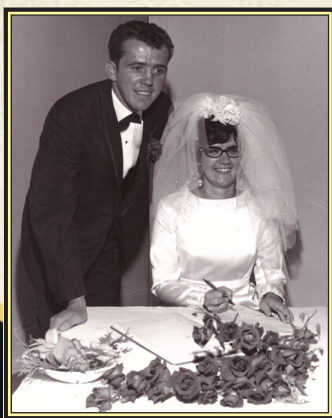
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Sealed bids will be received at the Township Office until 12:00 noon on August 13, 2014.

1. 2000 Dodge 1500 4X4 Pickup Extended Cab
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Mike Thomas CRS-I
Operations Manager
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Rd.
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
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Fax: 705-489-3491
Email: mthomas@algonquinhighlands.ca

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2012 14' STARCRAFT deep and wide aluminum boat with 9.9 Yamaha 4 stroke engine. Trailer included. Mint condition. \$5000 firm. Call 705-286-3824 (AU7)

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EVENTS

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FORM 6
Municipal Act, 2001

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on August 21, 2014, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Description of Lands:

Roll No. 46 24 011 000 60200 0000; 1011 Pennycook Lane, Haliburton; PIN 39173-0131(LT); Lot 7 Plan 394; Dysart et al; File No. 13-07

Minimum Tender Amount: \$25,100

Roll No. 46 24 030 000 05400 0000; 1209 Buxton Rd, Wilberforce; PIN 39159-0298(LT); Lot 8 Plan 539; S/T executions 05-0000393, 06-0000103, if enforceable; Dysart et al; File No. 13-07

Minimum Tender Amount: \$9,473.82

Roll No. 46 24 040 000 40800 0000; PIN 39143-0156(LT); Part Lot 23 Concession 3 Guilford designated Part 4 Plan 19R5559; Dysart et al; File No. 13-13

Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,267.00

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or a bank draft or a cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the **Municipality of Dysart et al** and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, crown interests or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Any interests of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes, HST if applicable and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender visit **www.dysartetal.ca** or if no internet available contact:

Cindy Watson
Tax Collector
The Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al
P.O. Box 389
135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario K0M 1S0
(705) 457-1740 Ext. 30

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TUESDAY AUGUST 12

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OBITUARIES



James 'Jim' Hopkings
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

It is with heavy hearts that the family announce the passing of Jim (Hop) Hopkings at Highland Wood on the afternoon of Monday, August 4, 2014 in his 84th year. Beloved husband of Virginia (Ginny). Loving father of Kirsty, Jamie and their spouses. Cherished granddad of Carter, Whitney, Jordan and Brody. Fondly remembered by his sister-in-law Doreen, other family and friends. Jim was a retired teacher and was known for always being in the shop. If something was broken, chances were that Hop could fix it. He loved to design and build. From boats to airplanes, furniture to houses, nothing seemed out of reach for Hop.

Celebration Of Life

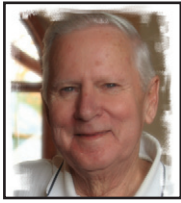
A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. If desired, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.



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OBITUARIES



James 'Jim' Allison

(Resident of Eagle Lake, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital with his loving family by his side on Sunday evening, August 3, 2014 in his 80th year. Beloved husband of the late Barbara Allison (nee Naugle). Loving father of Dave (Kim) of Carnarvon, Doug (Sharon) of Minden, Dan (Debbie) of Minden, Darlene (David Gervais) of Pickering, Dale (Eldon Bull) of Haliburton and Derek of Eagle Lake. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Jeannette, Ashley, James, Josselyn, Teri, Christina, Chantal, Matthew, Christopher, Danielle, Jadon, Tyler (predeceased) and by his great grandson Jacob. Dear brother of John and June. Also lovingly remembered by his extended family. Jim was the owner of Allison Construction. He enjoyed his family, telling stories about farm life experiences and living on Kushog Lake.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday morning, August 9, 2014 from 10 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Private interment in the family plot at St. Stephens Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services would be appreciated by the family.



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David William Bishop

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Suddenly at his home on Thursday morning, July 31, 2014 in his 65th year. Beloved husband of Shirley. Loving father of Rob (Shelley), stepfather of Sheila (Clay Sr.), Angela (Glen), Darryl (Jenny) and Justin (Renee). Cherished grandfather of Kyle, Clay Jr., Kaylin, Emily, Michael, Jayden, and great-grandfather of Jamie and Rylin. Dear brother of Anne (Joe), Jacqueline (Perry). Fondly remembered by Jay, Charlene, Lindsay, Emily, Alex, Shannon, Liam, Kennedy, Cambell, Steven, Robyn, Raven, John and Orchi, other family and friends. Predeceased by his parents Dave and Chrissy Bishop. David will be sadly missed by the Brotherhood of Local 95. He enjoyed singing, playing guitar and spending time with family and friends.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Saturday, August 2, 2014 from 10 AM until the time of the Memorial Service at 11 AM. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

Following the Memorial Service, a Legion Service was held at the **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #129 719** Mountain Street, Haliburton, Ontario.



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Email: info@dysartetel.ca Website: www.dysartetel.ca



Household Hazardous Waste Day

(Landfill cards must be shown)

Saturday, August 16th, 2014
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This program is aimed at keeping hazardous and special waste materials out of our landfills and waterways. Throwing these items in the garbage or pouring them down the drain can be dangerous to our families, animals and our environment.

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HELP WANTED



Now Recruiting for the 2014 Election Candidate Campaign Finance Compliance Audit Committee

The Townships of Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands, along with the Municipality of Dysart et al are currently each seeking 1 qualified applicant and 1 alternate to serve on the Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2014-2018 Council term. The Committee will serve all three municipalities.

The Compliance Audit Committee addresses applications requesting an audit of a candidate's election campaign finances. This role includes, but is not limited to, reviewing applications and granting or rejecting audit requests; where an audit is granted, appointing an auditor and reviewing the audit report; and deciding whether legal proceedings shall be commenced.

Applicants must be:

- 18 years of age or older;
- Impartial and neutral with respect to their ability to fulfill their duties;
- Preference will be given to persons with applicable experience and expertise in the following areas;
 - accounting and auditing;
 - law & law enforcement;
 - academics from related fields such as political science or local government administration;
 - other individuals with knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996.
- Preference will be given to candidates that are qualified as electors in one of the three municipalities.

The following individuals are ineligible for a position on this committee:

- Employees or Council members of the municipalities;
- Candidates in one of the municipalities 2014 Municipal Elections;
- Persons who have contributed to or intend to contribute to the campaign of a registered candidate in the 2014 Municipal Election.

How to apply:

Interested persons are invited to submit an Expression of Interest that details how they are qualified to serve on this Committee to the below address. Applications will be accepted until Friday, August 29, 2014.

For Minden Hills:
Michael de Rond
Deputy Clerk
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne Street, PO Box 359
Minden, ON
K0M 2K0
Phone: (705) 286-1260 x-215
Fax: 705-286-4917
mderond@mindenhills.ca

For Dysart et al:
Cheryl Coulson,
Clerk
Municipality of Dysart et al
135 Maple Ave. PO Box 389
Haliburton, ON
K0M 1S0
Phone: 705-457-1740 x-31
Fax: 705-457-1964
ccoulson@dysartetel.ca

For Algonquin Highlands
Dawn Newhook
Clerk-Planning Administrator
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Rd.
Algonquin Highlands, ON
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Phone: 705-489-2379
Fax: 705-489-3941
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SUPERVISOR POSITION

Pinestone Resort is currently seeking to fill a position for a **Front Office Supervisor**.

The successful candidate must be able to:

- Post charges to customers and handle card and cash transactions.
- Plan and assign workloads for front office associates.
- Supervise associates in their assigned job duties.
- Prepare operational and financial records for Manager to review.
- Identify resource requirements and manage resource allocations to ensure complete coverage and continuous availability.
- Assist in hiring and training associates in front office duties.
- Evaluate the performance of associates and provide appropriate feedback.
- Ensure associates follow company policies and operational procedures.
- Schedule regular meetings to discuss issues and give updates.
- Educate associates on safety, emergency and security procedures.

Please apply by email to:
Barry Wark / Barry@pinestone-resort.com



HELP WANTED

Laundry Attendant – (afternoon shift) Must be able to work weekends.

Housekeeping Houseman/woman – (afternoon shift) Must be able to work weekends.

Housekeeping Room Attendant – Must be able to work weekends.

Please reply by email to: Barry Wark / Barry@pinestone-resort.com

Banquet servers-(part time) Must be able to work weekends.

Restaurant Servers-(part time) Must be able to work weekends.

Cooks-(part time) Must be able to work weekends.

Please reply by email to: Lee Thompson / fandbmanager@pinestone-resort.com

HELP WANTED



The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a **Chief Building Official**

Due to an upcoming retirement, the Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Chief Building Official. Reporting to the C.A.O., and as a member of the Senior Management Team, the Chief Building Official will be responsible for the administration, planning and management of the Building Department.

The CBO will process applications for building permits, review all construction drawings and perform on-site inspections of all construction, development and demolition activities and ensure that all are in compliance with the Ontario Building Code, the Official Plan, Comprehensive Zoning By-Law and all other relevant legislation and regulations.

In conjunction with the Deputy CBO, the CBO is responsible for review and processing of septic permit applications, on-site inspections and issuance of permits. Administration and maintenance of accurate records is critical.

This CBO is appointed as a By-Law Enforcement Officer and may investigate complaints and enforce municipal by-laws in conjunction with the Deputy CBO.

The CBO also acts as the Township's alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC).

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Certified Building Code Official (CBCO) designation.
- Certification by the Ontario Building Officials' Association.
- Successful completion of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing courses: Small Buildings, Plumbing All Buildings, Building Services, Building Structural, Complex Buildings and CBO Legal. Large Buildings is an asset.
- Minimum of five (5) years' experience in building and septic inspections as well as with by-law enforcement in a municipal environment.
- Demonstrated management experience and an understanding of local government.
- Excellent interpersonal, project/time management, organizational, analytical and communication skills.
- Superior customer service skills.
- Demonstrated working knowledge of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
- Proficiency in the Office Suite of products or equivalent.
- Valid Ontario class G Drivers' License and clean driver's abstract.

Salary Range : \$68,923.40 - \$77,586.60 (under review)

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit your cover letter and resume and in confidence by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2014 to:

Angie Bird, C.A.O.
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
705-489-2379 Ext. 222

Email – abird@algonquinhighlands.ca
For a full job description, visit our website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca



The Corporation of the
Township of Algonquin Highlands
requires a

Parks, Recreation and Trails Manager

The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Parks, Recreation and Trails Manager. Reporting to the C.A.O. and as a member of the Senior Management Team, the Parks, Recreation and Trails Manager will provide strong leadership, strategic planning guidance, innovation and ensure high quality customer service.

The Parks, Recreation and Trails Manager will oversee the operation and development of municipal parks, community centres, water trails, hiking trails and ski trails as well as sports fields, multi-purpose courts, outdoor ice rinks, playgrounds, beaches and access point/boat launches.

The successful candidate will direct and manage resources, and develop, manage and monitor the annual budget while ensuring compliance with all applicable Acts and Regulations including the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Post-secondary degree or diploma related to recreation, facility/land management, natural resources management, tourism, public administration, customer service, law enforcement or other related degree programs.
- Five (5) years of progressive experience with three (3) years of supervisory experience in managing multiple recreational lands, facilities, equipment and staff at the municipal level.
- Experience in facility, campsite and trails management as well as horticulture, arboriculture, turf management and landscaping.
- Proven successful grant writing ability.
- Excellent leadership, report-writing, communication, presentation, problem solving, financial /budgeting capability, administrative and organizational skills.
- Proven ability to plan, schedule and review work of others in a manner conducive to proficient performance and high morale.
- Excellent computer skills with proven efficiency in the Microsoft Office suite of products.
- Sound, practical knowledge of related legislation, policies, procedures, directives and guidelines affecting municipal parks, recreation and trails.
- Politically astute, committed to customer service excellence, with a firm knowledge of best practices.

Salary Range: \$67,537.60 - \$76,024.00

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit your resume in confidence marked "Parks Recreation and Trails Manager Application" by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2014 to:

Angie Bird, C.A.O.
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario, K0M 1J1
Email – abird@algonquinhighlands.ca
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Highlander events



Photos by Mark Arike

Above: Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary volunteers sell items from the hospital's gift shop on Highland Street. Right: Gord Kidd performs with the 50/50 Band at Halco Plaza.

Visitors flock to village for Midnight Madness

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Shoppers took over downtown Haliburton Aug. 1 for an annual tradition known as Midnight Madness.

Highland Street was closed from 5 p.m. to midnight to allow visitors to check out store sales, children's activities, a variety of live

entertainment and partake in festivities that celebrated the community's 150th anniversary. Dozens of people lined up to get their fill of beef on a bun, which was prepared and served by the municipality's volunteer fire department.

The event was hosted by the Haliburton Village Business Improvement Area and The Haliburton Echo.



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Left: The adults took a turn at tug-o-war for Paudash Lake supremacy. Above: Highlands East Fire Department Station 6 firefighters cooked up burgers and sausages. From left are Jeff Gizuk, Karin Aschenbrenner, Jeff Bull, and Brian Woods.

Paudash Regatta a big beach party

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

North Bay Beach on Paudash Lake was bustling with activity during the annual Paudash Lake Conservation Association Regatta held there on Aug. 2.

Cottagers along upper and lower Paudash Lake gathered at the beach for an afternoon

of fun and games. Events included sand castle building, egg toss, hammer nailing, bean bag toss, canoe races, swimming races, a scavenger hunt, and the annual upper versus lower Paudash tug-o-war.

The Highlands East Fire Department Station 6 firefighters were at the event with their fire engine, working a barbecue and raising money for rescue equipment.

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Magoo
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Sunday Aug 17 - 2pm
Barbara Budd
Historic Logging Museum

Sunday Aug 17 - 8pm
Bruce Cockburn
Bone Lake Amphitheatre

What's on



File photo

Holly Blefgen of Ontario Outdoor Adventures dresses up for the occasion.

Festival celebrates the August moon

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

August 10 marks Minden's annual Festival of the August Moon, held at the Wild Swan B&B Inn on Invergordon Avenue.

The not-for-profit festival, which began in 2010 as a one-time event, drew over 250 people last year and is quickly becoming a draw for out-of-towners.

The event started in Minden under the direction of Crowne Gallery curator Marc Shroetter, and has steadily grown in both participant numbers and support from local

businesses.

"The purpose is to celebrate the first full moon in August, this year is supposed to be a 'super' moon," said Rejeanne Anthon, one of the event organizers. "Many cultures around the world celebrate this day [which is] aligned with Japan's culture but may expand to indigenous and others."

The event begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday with the Happi Coat workshop, wherein registrants decorate short Japanese Kimonos. While the kimono decorating requires pre-registration and a fee of \$25, many of the other activities are free, including a nature

walk on the boardwalk, Japanese folk tales, Japanese children's games, origami, and Tai Chi.

"The Festival of the August Moon is a ceremony where residents and visitors join in the collective spirit of creativity and celebration," said Anthon. "Through this event people can apply their creative abilities and try different techniques and processes in a fun and social environment. The event helps to explore the meaning of specific art objects within varied cultures, times, and places as well as their function in everyday life."

The Festival of the August Moon culminates in the floating of lanterns down the Gull River. Lanterns can be decorated between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Wild Swan B&B, and will be floated down the river at sunset.

The floating of the lanterns honours the Japanese tradition of Toro Nagashi, in which it is believed that the lanterns guide the souls of the dead over to the other world.

The festival is open to people of all ages, and offers activities suitable for everyone. For more information, call Pam Smith at 705-286-0038.

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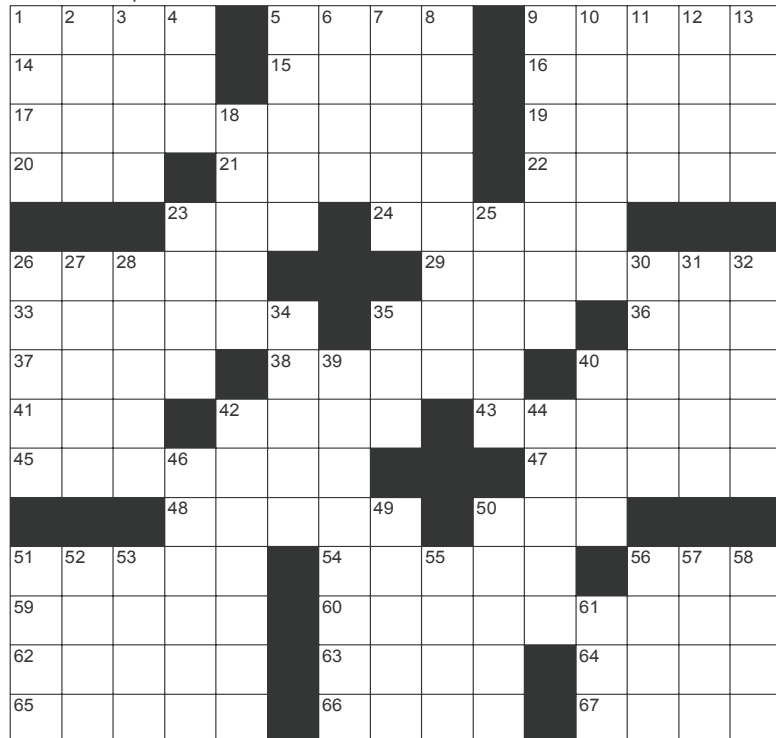
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1. Circle segments
5. Carbonated drink
9. Tennessee ____ Ford
14. Outerwear
15. Bed size
16. Poor
17. Intolerant of delay
19. "____ of Two Cities" (2 wds.)
20. Jo ____ Messina
21. Bushy fence
22. Bogged down
23. Family mem.
24. More aged
26. Ski resort
29. New ____, Louisiana
33. Actress Meryl ____
35. Mimics
36. Acquired
37. Certain debts
38. Speed contests
40. Songstress ____ Turner
41. Put on
42. Royal address
43. Navy recruit
45. Voter
47. Barnyard fowl
48. Sultan's wives
50. Was first
51. Less hazardous
54. Beauty parlor
56. ____ Cruces
59. Tiny landmass
60. Handling
62. Rent
63. Revise text
64. Fee
65. Spud
66. Platter
67. Distort

DOWN

1. Vinegary
2. Caesar's city
3. Batman's wear
4. Bus terminal (abbr.)
5. Pigs' homes
6. Was indebted to
7. Australian dog
8. Gazelle
9. Glossy paints
10. Go to bed
11. Not far
12. Loafing
13. Watched
18. Old pronoun
23. Views
25. Attire
26. Apart
27. Bar seat
28. Dried plum
30. Limber
31. Forbidden items (hyph.)
32. Gaze steadily
34. Earlier
35. Flying hero
39. Nabbed
40. Tethered
42. Appetizer
44. FBI employee
46. Cheddar, e.g.
49. ____ Gras
50. Reluctant
51. River deposit
52. On a voyage
53. Tire mishap
55. Hawaiian garlands
56. Plumber's concern
57. Initial bet
58. Fret
61. "____ Doubtfire"

AUGUST 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
I Hate Hamlet , 8 p.m. Highlands Summer Festival Live Theatre Fleming Faculty Art Auction , 7-10 p.m. Love to sing? Shout Sisters are accepting new members. Haliburton United Church, 7-9 p.m.	Wilberforce Agricultural Fair Metis 101 , slide show with artifacts. 2 p.m. at Irondale's Heritage Church 705-457-8438	Wilberforce Agricultural Fair Haliburton Sesquicentennial Celebration , Glebe Park 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. HHOA Chicken and Rib Dinner , 4-8 p.m., Haliburton Curling Club. Highlands East Studio Tour	Highlands East Studio Tour Festival of the August Moon , 1 p.m., Wild Swan B&B.
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	Forest Festival , Aug. 12-17	Make it Minden , meet OPP, firefighters and EMS 6-8 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild , 1 p.m. Stanhope Community Centre, presenter Maggie Vanderwelt on contemporary thread and textile works	
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
150th Haliburton County Fair , Minden Fairgrounds	150th Haliburton County Fair , Minden Fairgrounds Highlands East Studio Tour Gooderham Bandstand grand opening concert, Hells Bells AC/DC tribute, 8 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$25 at gate. \$12 for 13-18 year olds, under 12 are free.	Highlands East Studio Tour Decoration Sunday , Essonville Historial Church, 2 p.m.	

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION AUG 7 - AUG 13, 2014

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo \$1,000 jackpot until Aug. 27 Wednesday, 7 p.m. 10th annual golf tournament Aug. 9, call 705-457-2571	Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.	Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Community Care lunch, Friday 705-448-2106 Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. L.A. Breakfast, Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. General meeting, Tuesday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
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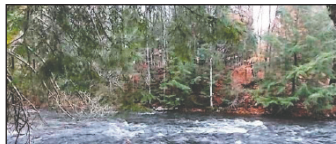
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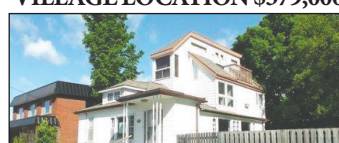
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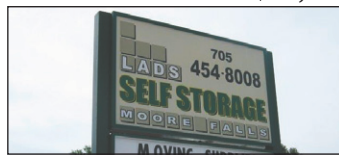
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